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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of a Volunteer Fire Department in El Paso County, Colorado. I must object strongly to the adoption of FCC PR Docket #92-235. These rules would force us to purchase new equipment in order to have communications.

Volunteer Fire Departments operate on very limited budgets, in addition those volunteers who wish to have communications must purchase radio equipment with their own funds. In other words we can not afford to throw away a perfectly good system, for a new one that will not work nearly as well. Why? Because, these rules also do away with mobile relay systems.

Volunteer Fire Departments provide fire protection and emergency medical treatment for the majority of our county. Our county area is 2,159 square miles, with elevations ranging from 6000 feet to over 14,000 feet. Because of the extremes of the terrain the only way to link fire departments together is via a mobile relay system. This linking is necessary as many times multiple departments are needed for a single emergency. Also, it is our link to the only metropolitan area in our county, Colorado Springs, for flight for life, emergency services and hospitals. This link is essential for public safety and is in the public interest.

For the above reasons, and many more, once again I must state that we strongly oppose FCC PR Docket # 92-235.



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